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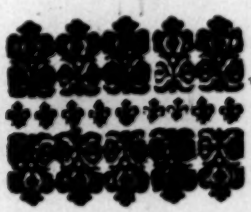
AN ACCOUNT of the late VIOLENCE committed by some Souldiers upon the Generall Assembly OF THE KIRKE OF SCOTLAND.



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A GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

A LETTER.

THe laſt Wedneſday being the twentieth of *July* 1653. was the ſaddeſt day that ever I ſaw on Earth, and I thought not that any that cals themſelves Reformed Chriſtians and Covenanters, would have Enterprized ſuch an Act. It was the day of the meeting of the Generall Aſſembly of the Church of *Scotland*, at which Mr *David Dickſon* did Expound in the *Gal.* 2. and taught on 2 *Cor.* ch. 13. verſ. 11. Mr *Robert Douglas* taught afternoon on 1 *Cor.* 12. 25, 26, 27. both of them very holily, prudently and honeſtly, for healing our Rents. After theſe Sermons about four of the Clock, the Generall Aſſembly met in the uſuall place; and immediatly after prayers

conceived by Mr *Dickſon* the laſt Moderator, there came in one Lieutenant Colonell *Cotterel*, and Captain *Cliftown* Captain of the Caſtle of *Edenborough*, and another Captain with them, whoſe name I know not. The Lieutenant Colonel ſtanding upon a bench, ſaid with a loud voice, Gentlemen, I am commanded to ask you by what Authority you ſit here: If you have none from the Parliament, Commander in Chief, or Judges, you are to go with me. Now at this time he had ſome Musketteers at the door of the Houſe within the Church, and ſome Horſe and Foot about the Church: Mr *Dickſon* deſired all that were in the houſe and not Members of the Meeting, to remove, that they might give a diſcreet Anſwer to the Gentleman that ſpoke. After all removed, Mr *Dickſon* ſaid, We ſit here by the Authority of Jeſus Chriſt, and by the Law of this Land, Whereby we are Authorized to keep Generall Aſſemblies from year to year, according to the ſeveral Acts of Parliament, and every Aſſembly meets by the Appointment of the Former. The Lieutenant Colonell required them to ariſe and go with him preſently, or elſe he would make them riſe on other terms. Mr *Dickſon* deſired time to call the Rols to conſtitute the Aſſembly, and appoint the next Diet. By this time ſome Musketteers with fired matches entered the Houſe; whereupon Mr *Dickſon* prayed, and in time of Prayer the Commanders aforeſaid kept on their Hats,

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and one of them ſpake all the time; the Prayer was ſhort: Mr *Dickſon* proteſted that this violent raiſing of the Aſſembly ſhould not hinder the next meeting to be at ſuch a time and place as he ſhould think meet to appoint at a fitting opportunity; whereupon they were forced to riſe, and as they went out at doors were guarded about with Foot and Horſe, the Officers going before: They went up the Weſt Bow, and down the Bow to the Weſt-Gate, and from thence to *Brunſfield-Linkes*, and there they took up all their Names, and gave Orders to them to go to their own homes at the neareſt; and not return to the Town: But when ſome told him that their way was through the City, and all of them had ſomething to do there: He commanded them that returned to the City, to give up their own names and the names of their Lodgings to the Captain of the Guard that night at ſeven of the Clock, and to depart the City to morrow by eight a Clock in the morning at their perill; and that no three of them ſhould meet together; Whereupon M. *Dickſon* again proteſted to the purpoſe aforeſaid: It would have grieved any Chriſtian ſoul to ſee the Members of that Grave Aſſembly ſo diſgracefully carried through a great part of the City and Suburbs. Eſpecially Reverend M. *Dickſon* late Moderator, and to have heard the Groans and Sighs that were among the People for the violence done to the Higheſt Court of Chriſt in *Scotland*; Yet in this time

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and all the next day the Remonſtrators or Proteſtors againſt the decliners of the Aſſembly ſate in the Weſt-Kirk without any to raiſe them, but on Thurſday at night a Proclamation was made at the Market-Croſſe, that all Lords, Lairds, and Miniſters ſhould depart the City by too morrow at eight a Clock, except ſuch as had to do in the Laws, or before the Judges, or could give other neceſſary cauſe of their ſtay: By whoſe inſtigation this was done God will bring to light in his good time, but the Order is under Colonell *Lilburn's* hand: We expected better things at their hands who ſwore ſincerely, really, and conſtantly through the grace of God in their ſeverall places and callings, the preſervation of the Reformed Religion in the Church of *Scotland*, in Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline, and Government, then to overturn our Diſcipline and Government. As for my ſelf I found the word of 2 *Chron.* 20. 6. made very lively and ſenſible to me; and I got great liberty to pray and beleeve accordingly.

God is Juſt, and will not forget a broken Covenant, He will be a ſpeedy witneſſe againſt Covenant-breakers, but in his own time, which is beſt, and till then here is the Patience and Faith of the Saints.

FINIS.

MVSEVM BRITANNICVM